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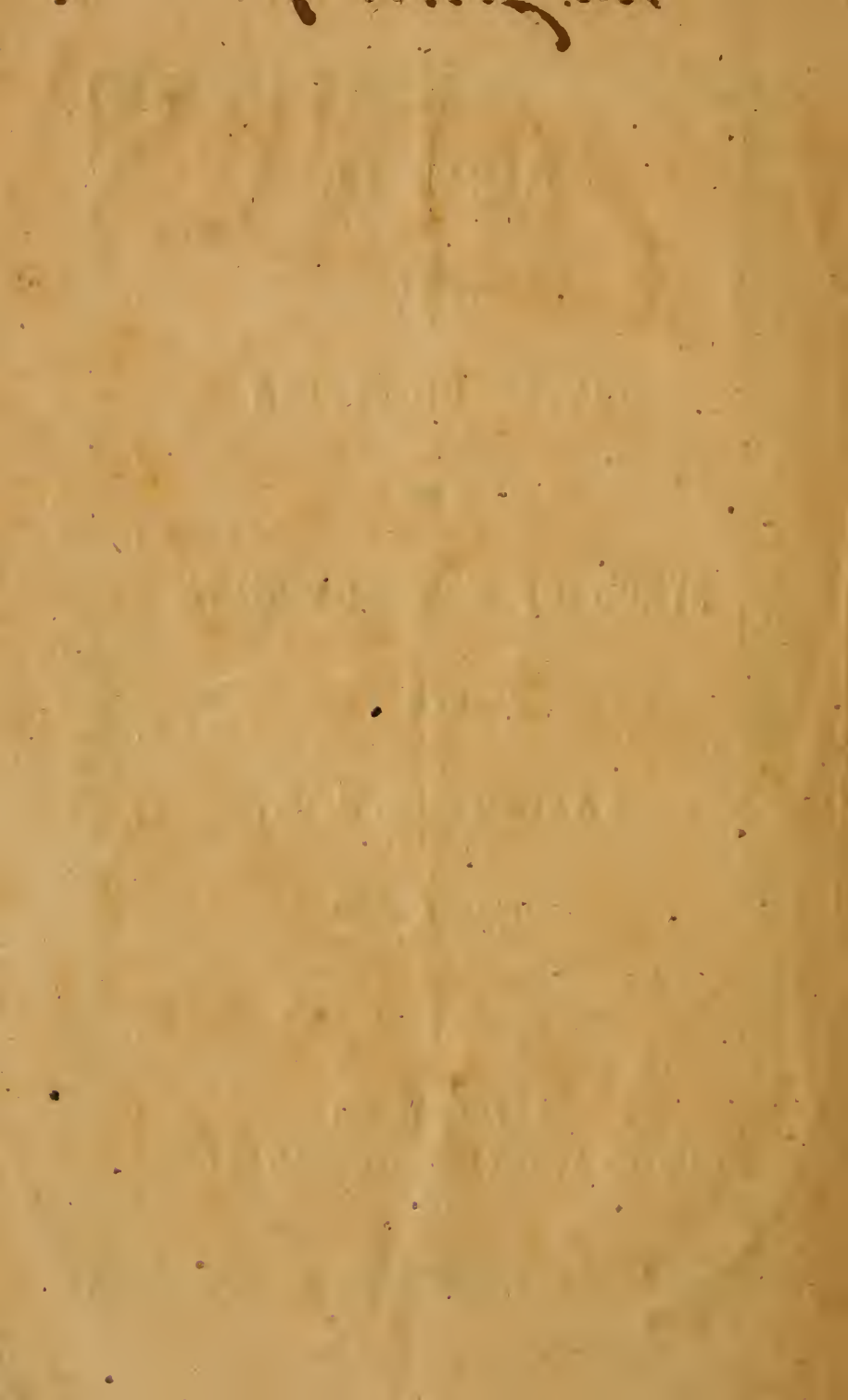
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SALISBURY, N. C., OCT. 28, 1863.

The Synod of North Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. John M. Sherwood, Moderator, from 1 Cor. 1: 21.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll of Ministers and Churches was called, and the following members were found to be present:

### PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

*Ministers:* Jacob Doll, A. G. Hughes, Archibald Currie, C. K. Caldwell, F. N. Whaley, Thomas U. Fancette, P. H. Dalton, J. Henry Smith, F. H. Johnston, R. J. Graves, Drury Lacy, D. D., James C. Alexander and C. N. Morrow.

*Ruling Elders:* W. P. Morrow, Geo. A. Denny, Robert A. Montgomery, W. W. Wharton and Eli Denny.

### PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

*Ministers:* Stephen Frontis, D. A. Penick, Sen., James E. Morrison, Walter W. Pharr, Thomas N. Paxton, R. N. Davis, R. H. Lafferty, Wm. C. Sheetz, G. D. Parks, B. S. Krider, Jethro Rumble, Wm. W. Pharr, J. C. Stewart, John D. Wilson, J. S. Barr, W. B. Watts, B. L. Beall and William M. Kilpatrick.

*Ruling Elders:* David White, J. J. Purcell, J. F. Goodman, S. R. Bell, J. B. Rankin, S. W. Morrison, Wm. H. Michal, J. J. Price, A. Long, M. D. Johnston, L. Rumble, Thomas Brown, J. A. Witherspoon, R. W. Allison and J. H. Brown.

### PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

*Ministers:* Hector McLean, J. P. McPherson, Neill McKay,

Neill McDonald, Samuel Caldwell Alexander, J. M. Sherwood, D. T. Towles, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen and S. H. Isler.

*Ruling Elders:* J. A. Smith and James Murphy.

ABSENT—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

*Ministers:* E. W. Caruthers, D. D., Thomas Lynch, A. Wilson, D. D., G. W. Ferrill, James Phillips, D. D., Edward Hines, E. C. Bittinger, S. A. Stanfield, J. M. Kirkpatrick, Jno. W. Montgomery, Joseph M. Atkinson, W. L. Miller, P. A. McMartin, Jno. B. Shearer, E. H. Harding, D. A. Jordan, A. D. Hepburn, W. A. Wood and H. B. Pratt.

ABSENT—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

*Ministers:* Walter S. Pharr, R. H. Morrison, D. D., Jesse Rankin, Daniel Lindley, R. Burwell, James D. Hall, William N. Morrison, N. Shotwell, E. F. Rockwell, John L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., R. H. Chapman, D. D., J. F. W. Freeman, John C. Carson, William Graves, S. C. Pharr, D. D., William S. Moore, S. C. Millen, A. Sinclair, L. L. Stewart, D. A. Penick, Jr., R. Z. Johnston, S. Caruthers Alexander, S. S. Murkland, Robert B. Anderson and W. A. McDonald.

ABSENT—PRESBYTERY OF PATETTEVILLE.

*Ministers:* Robert Tate, S. Colton, D. D., Samuel Paisley, John C. Sinclair, H. McNeill, H. A. Monroe, Colin Shaw, G. M. Gibbs, D. B. Black, D. Johnston, A. McMillen, H. McAllister, J. M. Sprunt, J. H. McNeill, James Sinclair, James McQueen, Geo. A. Russell, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley, M. McNair and J. H. Colton.

Rev. Robert N. Davis was elected Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. F. H. Johnston and D. D. McBryde, temporary Clerks.

On motion, it was resolved to spend the first half hour of each morning's session in devotional exercises.

On motion, it was resolved that the hours for business shall be as follows, viz: from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 1 o'clock, P. M., from 3 o'clock, P. M., to 5 o'clock, P. M., and from 7 o'clock, P. M., to 9½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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THURSDAY, Oct. 29, 1863.

The Synod met according to adjournment and spent the first half hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was then called and the Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The following ministers appeared in Synod, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness: S. Caruthers Alexander, G. M. Gibbs, S. C. Pharr, D. D., Jas. D. Hall, Jno. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Alexander Sinclair, R. Z. Johnston, and W. A. McDonald.

Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., and Rev. T. E. Davis of the Synod of South Carolina, and Rev. R. S. McAllister of the Synod of Mississippi, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The following Ruling Elders appeared in Synod and took their seats: L. C. Graves, Robert Murphy, D. McIntosh, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville; Samuel Craig, J. M. Hutchison, J. R. Davidson, Edwin Harris, C. T. Alexander, Jno. W. Todd, J. C. Foard and G. W. Thompson, from the Presbytery of Concord.

Rev. Messrs. J. Henry Smith, C. N. Morrow, S. Frontis, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, R. N. Davis, W. C. Sheetz, G. D. Parks, B. S. Krider, Alexander Sinclair, Wm. W. Pharr, J. C. Stewart, J. S. Barr, John L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., W. B. Watts and S. Caruthers Alexander, were excused for absence from the last meeting of Synod.

The Moderator announced the following standing Committees:

1. *On Bills and Overtures—Ministers*: John M. Sherwood, D. Lacy, D. D., and J. E. Morrison. *Ruling Elders*: W. W. Wharton and J. A. Smith.

2. *Judicial Committee—Ministers*: D. A. Penick, Sen., H. McLean and A. G. Hughes. *Ruling Elders*: J. A. Witherpoon and Eli Denny.

3. *On the Minutes of Orange Presbytery—Ministers*: R. H. Lafferty and S. H. Isler. *Ruling Elder*: J. M. Hutchison.

4. *On the Minutes of Concord Presbytery—Ministers*: Neill

McDonald and S. Caldwell Alexander. *Ruling Elder*: W. P. Morrow.

5. *On the Minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery*—*Ministers*: S. C. Pharr, D. D., and A. Currie. *Ruling Elder*: M. D. Johnston.

6. *On the Narrative*—*Ministers*: J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., and J. Henry Smith. *Ruling Elder*: W. H. Michal.

7. *On Devotional Exercises of Synod*—*Ministers*: J. Rumble, and P. H. Dalton. *Ruling Elder*: A. Long.

8. *On the Treasurer's Account*—*Ministers*: Neill McKay, and B. S. Krider. *Ruling Elder*: Edwin Harris.

9. *On the Minutes of the General Assembly*—*Ministers*: Walter W. Pharr, and R. J. Graves. *Ruling Elder*: Robert A. Montgomery.

10. *On Union Theological Seminary*—*Ministers*: C. K. Caldwell, and J. D. Wilson. *Ruling Elder*: S. R. Bell.

11. *On Leave of Absence*—*Ministers*: Thomas N. Paxton and M. McQueen. *Ruling Elder*: S. W. Morrison.

On motion, it was resolved that the Agents on the different objects of benevolence be directed to present their reports in the following order, viz:

1. The Agent on Foreign Missions on Thursday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

2. The Agent of Publication on Thursday at 3 o'clock, P. M.

3. The Agent of Domestic Missions on Thursday at 7 o'clock, P. M.

4. The Agent on Education, on Friday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, it was resolved that the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., be invited to address the Synod on Foreign Missions, when the Agent on that subject shall make his report.

The Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the appropriate Committee.

The term of service of the 4th Class of Directors of Union Theological Seminary having expired, the Committee on the Seminary were directed to make nominations for the ensuing term.

The reports on Systematic Benevolence from the Presbyteries,

were read, ordered to be printed in the Minutes and are as follows:

#### PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Orange present to the Synod the following report on Systematic Benevolence.

It appears from the last Statistical report of this Presbytery, that there are under its care 53 Churches. Of these 23 have reported contributions to objects of benevolence for the year, ending April 1st, 1863. The aggregate amount contributed by these Churches for this year, is \$10,837 95, and nearly double that of the year ending April 1st, 1861. Of these 23 Churches, 22 gave to Domestic Missions, \$2,211 65; 18 gave to Foreign Missions, \$1,119 30; 11 gave to Education, \$1,604 60; 15 gave to Publication, \$508 90; one gave to Church Extension, \$51; and 14 gave to Miscellaneous objects \$5,342 50.

When it is remembered that several of these contributing Churches have given to objects of general benevolence, of which no report has been made and most of the Churches, not reported at all, have contributed to various objects of benevolence it will be seen that there has been a steady and gratifying increase in the spirit of liberality, with God's people. But while we have reason "to thank God and take courage" from these tokens of his grace, yet your Committee is convinced that there is great room for improvement in the grace of giving, among the Churches, and would earnestly recommend to all pastors and stated supplies that they impress upon their people the duty of "abounding more and more" in this grace as the surest means of securing God's favor and blessing. The liberal soul shall be made fat, and they that water others shall themselves be watered.

JACOB DOLL, *Stated Clerk.*

*By order of Presbytery, Oct. 27, 1863.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, on the subject of Systematic Benevolence, that from the facts laid before us, we are encouraged to believe that our Churches are increasing in the grace of giving, but it is too evident that this increase is very slow. Giving by system is gradually securing favor among our Churches and people.

From the statistical reports of the Churches, it appears that of our 71 Churches, only 41 Churches contributed during the past year to the cause of Domestic Missions; 36 Churches contributed to the cause of Foreign Missions; 23 Churches contributed to the cause of Education; 20 Churches contributed to

the cause of Publication; and two Churches contributed to the cause of Church Extension.

The aggregate of funds collected is as follows, viz: For Domestic Missions, \$2,435; for Foreign Missions, \$1,313; for Education, \$777; for Publication, \$661; for Church Extension, \$37; Presbyterial, \$520; Congregational, \$22,517; Miscellaneous, \$3,551.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. LAFFERTY, *Stated Clerk.*

*Charlotte, N. C., Aug 22, 1862.*

#### PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of Systematic Benevolence would report:

Presbytery is unanimous in the opinion that a systematic mode in giving for benevolent purposes is of great importance to a full developement of the grace of giving.

And most of the Churches under the care of this Presbytery have adopted some systematic mode of collecting funds for the various objects of benevolence. But the Committee regret that they have to state that the system has not, on various accounts, been so thoroughly worked as is desirable.

Whilst a number of the Churches show a good degree of interest in this matter, others have greatly neglected their duty in regard to this important subject. We would most earnestly call the attention of the members of Presbytery and the Churches under our care to the importance of increased efforts to bring out the full strength of the Churches. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Churches be urged to a more systematic and faithful discharge of the duty of giving, and that it be enjoined on all our ministers and licentiates to bring this matter prominently before our congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

*Pike Church, N. C., Oct'r 10, 1863.*

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's account.

Rev. J. Rumple, Agent on Foreign Missions, read his report, which was received.

Pending a motion to adopt the resolutions appended to the report, Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., addressed the Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions. The resolutions were then adopted, and are as follows, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That we learn with satisfaction that our Foreign

Missionary Committee are still able to keep their work in successful operation.

2. *Resolved*, That we earnestly enjoin upon our Churches to increase their contributions to this cause.

3. *Resolved*, That we will give to our missionary brethren on this continent and our friends in the East, our earnest and devout prayers for their safety and success.

Ministers were called upon to state whether they had complied with the order of Synod, enjoining it upon them to preach on the observance of the Sabbath, when it appeared that the order had generally been complied with.

Rev. James H. McNeill appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Letters of excuse for non-attendance at the present meeting of Synod, from S. Colton, D. D., and Rev. E. F. Rockwell were read and the excuses sustained.

The Narratives on the State of religion from the different Presbyteries were read and referred to the Synod's Committee on the Narrative.

Greensboro', N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the last Sabbath of October, 1864, at 7 o'clock, P. M., as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. John Leyburn, D. D., and Rev. B. T. Lacy of the Synod of Virginia, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Agent of Publication read his report, which was received.

Dr. Leyburn, then addressed the Synod on the subject of Publication, after which the following resolutions, appended to the report, were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Churches under the care of this Synod be earnestly requested to enlarge their contributions to the Assembly's Committee of Publication, with a view to the double purpose of printing and circulating tracts and other religious reading in our army, and of establishing a fund that will enable the Committee to place the publication enterprise on a permanent basis, and also furnish the Church with a literature in accordance with our standards of faith.

2. *Resolved*, That the Pastors and Stated Supplies of this Synod be enjoined to read these resolutions to their congregations, and commend this subject to their christian sympathy and liberality.

Rev. A. Wilson, D. D., and Rev. John W. Montgomery of Orange Presbytery, appeared in Synod, and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Dr. Robert L. Beall, Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of Orange, appeared in Synod and took his seat.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary reported the following resolutions, and recommended their adoption by the Synod :

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod of North Carolina approve the affairs of our Seminary, both educational and financial.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod consent to the transfer of Union Theological Seminary to the General Assembly of the Confederate States ; provided that the Synod of Virginia think it desirable, and provided that it can be made without impairing the right and title to the property and funds, either in law or equity.

3. *Resolved*, That (the Synod of Virginia concurring) the Board of Directors of the Seminary be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to carry into effect the transfer as above conditioned, as soon as the way be opened therefor.

The Committee also recommend that the following persons shall constitute the fourth class of Directors, to serve for four years, viz :

Thomas U. Faucette and Geo. A. Russell, Ministers ; with Dr. N. M. Roan, Ruling Elder.

The Committee also recommend the following Ministers and Ruling Elders as members of the Electoral College, from this Synod, viz :

Jacob Doll, P. H. Dalton, D. A. Penick, Sen., George M. Gibbs and Wm. W. Pharr, Ministers ; with Hon. J. G. Shepherd, C. H. Wiley, J. G. Ramsay, M. D., R. L. Beall, M. D., Prof. M. D. Johnston and William B. Carter, Ruling Elders. This report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to forward an attested copy of the above report to the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Virginia, and also to the Board of Directors of the Seminary.

Rev. S. S. Murkland of the Presbytery of Concord, and Rev. Wm. A. Wood, of the Presbytery of Orange, appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr. J. E. Montgomery and E. W. Faucette, Ruling Elders from the Presbytery of Concord, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

Letters were read from Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D., and Rev. Jesse Rankin, giving satisfactory reasons for non-attendance at the present sessions of Synod.

Rev. John M. Sherwood, Agent on Domestic Missions, made his report.

Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Domestic Missions, and Rev. B. T. Lacy, Commissioner of the General Assembly to the army of Northern Virginia, then addressed the Synod, on topics embraced in the report with special reference to army missions and chaplaincies. The following resolution was then adopted :

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of the Synod in reference to the subject of Missions to the army, presented by Dr. J. L. Wilson and Rev. B. T. Lacy.

Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., and Rev. J. Henry Smith, Ministers ; with Messrs. E. W. Faucette and Geo. McNeill, Ruling Elders, were appointed as this Committee.

The following resolutions, appended to the report on Domestic Missions, were then adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod enjoin it upon the Presbyteries to use every means possible to supply our feeble Churches and destitute fields with the preached word.

2. *Resolved*, That we press the claims of this work, especially that branch of it which relates to the army, upon the attention and christian liberality of our Churches and people.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, MORNING, OCT'R 30, 1863.

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Messrs. John H. McDowell, and A. Gray, Ruling Elders from

Concord Presbytery, and Mr. B. G. Smith, Ruling Elder from Fayetteville Presbytery, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

Rev. N. Shotwell and Rev. J. F. W. Freeman of Concord Presbytery appeared in Synod, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Rev. Neill McKay, Agent for Education read his report, when Rev. John Leyburn, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Education addressed the Synod on the topic embraced in the report. The report was then accepted and ordered to be published in the printed Minutes; and the following resolution appended to the report was adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That Synod earnestly commend to the Churches the cause of education and its permanent claim on their christian sympathy and liberality, as the foundation of the ultimate success of the various schemes of christian benevolence, patronized by the Church.

The Judicial Committee reported through their Chairman, Rev. Daniel A. Penick, Sen., that no business had been brought before them.

On motion, this report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

On motion, the hearing of the report of the Committee on the education of the children of deceased soldiers was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

The Committee on the Treasurer's account, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

The Committee on the Treasurer's account, report that they have examined the same, and find it correct, accompanied with proper orders, vouchers, &c., leaving as set forth in the account current, the sum of \$166 28 against the Synod. Add to this amount \$75 00 for standing liabilities—will make \$241 28, liabilities for the coming Synodical year. To meet which there will be \$180 00, by assessment from the Presbyteries which will still leave a debt of \$61 28 unprovided for.

The printing of three hundred copies of the minutes in the plainest style will cost about \$300. This amount added to the present debt of \$61. 28, will make the whole amount necessary to meet the current expenses of coming year about \$360 00.

The Committee submit for the adoption of the Synod, the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the Presbyteries are requested to forward to the Treasurer of Synod their respective quotas of the amount now due, \$55 43 $\frac{3}{4}$  as soon as possible.

2. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be and hereby is directed to have 300 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed, omitting the statistics in the appendix.

3. *Resolved*, That the assessment of the Presbyteries be raised from \$60 00 to \$137 50.

The following report was accepted and adopted :

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, report that they have been neatly and properly kept, and recommend their approval as far as written.

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Records of Concord Presbytery, reported, recommending that they be approved. This report was accepted and adopted.

The following report was accepted and adopted, viz :

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Orange Presbytery, report that they have attended to the duty assigned to them, and find that the business of Presbytery has been transacted in a regular, constitutional manner, and recommend that the minutes be approved as far as written.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Missions to the army, made their report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of chaplains to the army, as set forth in the addresses of Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee of Domestic Missions, and of the Rev. B. T. Lacy, Commissioner of the General Assembly to the Army of Northern Virginia, would submit the following resolutions, as embracing the result of their deliberations, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with great interest and pleasure, the addresses of these brethren and are more than ever impressed with the necessity of prompt and strenuous efforts to secure a large increase of chaplains for the army and the hospitals.

2. *Resolved*, That we are also impressed with the importance, on the score of economy and increased efficiency, of co-operation on the part of our Presbyteries and Synods with the scheme adopted by the General Assembly, and now prosecuted by its Committee of Domestic Missions for the systematic supply and support of the chaplains, which contemplates one chaplain at least from our Church for each brigade of the army.

3. *Resolved*, That it is hereby recommended to the Presbyteries composing this body, at the earliest suitable time, so to modify any plans they may have formed for supplying the army with religious services as to bring them into harmony with the scheme of the General Assembly as above mentioned.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod now earnestly calls upon our ministers, especially those who are yet in the vigor of their days, to consider under a sense of their responsibilities to their country, to the Church, and to Him who is Lord of both, whether it be not their duty without delay to enter the wide and fruitful fields of labor afforded by the army and the hospitals, and that it be suggested to those who may determine that such is their duty, to report themselves to the Committee of Domestic Missions appointed by the Presbytery to which they belong and through that Committee to the Committee of the General Assembly at Columbia, S. C., for Commissions and for instructions as to the place of labor, it being understood however, that in the above suggestions we do not design to defeat the wishes of those who may still prefer to go into the service of the army, under arrangements made by their Presbytery.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod of North Carolina regard the circulation of the *North Carolina Presbyterian* among our soldiers as a means of doing much good, and feel bound to encourage the same.

2. *Resolved*, That all our Churches be enjoined to contribute liberally to a fund to be used in the furtherance of this object.

3. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed in and around Fayetteville to attend to the equal distribution of the paper among the several regiments and hospitals of North Carolina Troops.

The Editor in charge, with Messrs. G. W. Williams and W. McL. McKay, were then appointed a Committee in accordance with the third resolution.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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SATURDAY MORNING, OCT'R 31, 1863.

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called, and Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. John McKinnon, Ruling Elder from Fayetteville Presbytery, appeared in Synod and took his seat.

Rev. Robert Burwell, of Concord Presbytery, appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The report of the Committee on the education of the children of deceased soldiers was called for, but in the absence of the Chairman no report was offered. Rev. J. Rample, a member of said Committee, read the Constitution and Minutes of the Committee, which were, on motion, referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., and Rev. John M. Sherwood, with Mr. John McKinnon, Ruling Elder, to report during the present sessions of Synod.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business had come before them. This report was accepted, and on motion, the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on the Narrative read their report which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be published in the *North Carolina Presbyterian* as early as practicable.

NOTE—See Appendix.

Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., obtained permission to make some statements touching the hospital at Wilson, N. C.

The following report was accepted and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the papers presented in relation to the scheme for the "Education of the Orphans of Deceased Soldiers," report:

These papers coming to us without proper authentication, and in an informal manner, can only be received as information. We are gratified to learn from them that the wishes of the Synod with reference to the object in view, have been promptly carried out by the Committee appointed for the purpose, as far as could have been expected under the great difficulties that surround every effort for doing good in this day of turmoil and darkness. The Articles and Regulations adopted by the Committee appear to be judicious, and with a few additions designed to provide for certain practical points in the plan of operation, which are not perhaps sufficiently explained as the paper now stands, will, it is believed, be found sufficiently full and explicit.

We therefore recommend that the Committee meet at as early

a day as practicable and so modify their Articles and Regulations as to provide :

1. That the funds raised within the bounds of each Presbytery shall be retained and distributed within its bounds.

2. That any congregation which shall assume the education of the children in its own bounds, belonging to the class contemplated in this scheme, be permitted to retain for that purpose two thirds of the money raised in said congregation, if so large a portion of the sum be needed for the purpose, the remainder being paid over to the General Fund of Presbytery in order to defray the expenses of educating those children for whom no such provision is made.

The Committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

1. That the Committee in the several Presbyteries are requested to prosecute with all vigor the matter of raising funds as intrusted to them, in order that the present favorable season for the undertaking may not pass away before the work shall be completed.

2. That where funds have already been placed under the control of the Committee, they are desired to begin at once to employ them in the manner and for the object specified in the Articles and Regulations.

The Committee finally recommend the election of the same members to the Committee appointed by the Synod last year to take care of this work.

The Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

THE REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH-CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

The Synod of North Carolina reports to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, and that these Presbyteries consist in whole of 108 Ministers, having under their care 189 Churches, 14 Licentiates and 12 Candidates, viz :

| PRESBYTERIES.   | MINISTERS. | CHURCHES. | LICENTIATES. | CANDIDATES. |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| Orange, - -     | 32         | 53        | 6            | 3           |
| Concord, - -    | 43         | 71        | 2            | 3           |
| Fayetteville, - | 33         | 65        | 6            | 6           |
|                 | 108        | 189       | 14           | 12          |

The Synod further reports that its next meeting will be held in the town of Greensboro', N. C., on Wednesday the 26th day of October 1864, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

JACOB DOLL, *Stated Clerk.*

The following report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, report:

1. That the Synod enjoin upon the Presbyteries and the Churches special prayer in behalf of the General Assembly, as recommended on page 133.
2. That the Synod enjoin upon all our Ministers and Churches the observance of the last Thursday in February, as a day of special prayer for the out-pouring of the Spirit on our schools and colleges, and that a collection be taken up for the great cause of christian education.
3. That the Synod do most cordially endorse the plan adopted by the General Assembly for the purpose of supplying the army with the means of grace. And we pledge ourselves to co-operate with the Assembly in carrying out their plan.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, the ordination of candidates to the office of the Ministry with the antecedent examination and trials, is the most solemn, responsible and often the most difficult duty of an ecclesiastical judicatory:

WHEREAS, the institution and dissolution of Pastoral relations stand second in importance only to the ordination of Ministers; and whereas it has become in some parts of the Church almost a usage to assign these duties or else permit them to be performed at *pro re nata* and other special or intermediate meetings of the Presbytery, at which a very small portion of the body, often not more than enough to constitute a quorum, are present or are expected to be present; it is therefore

*Resolved*, That the Synod hereby call the attention of our several Presbyteries to this subject, and ask them to consider whether, whilst in directing or allowing such sacred and delicate trusts to be discharged in such manner they may comply with the letter of our constitution, they do not in fact violate its spirit and defeat its intent.

The following report was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on leave of absence would respectfully report to Synod that they have granted leave of absence to the following members, viz:

D. T. Towles, J. H. McNeill and T. E. Davis, ministers ; and to Geo. McNeill, Ruling Elder, after the sessions of Thursday. To Rev. C. K. Caldwell and Rev. Samuel Caldwell Alexander, after the morning sessions of Friday. To Rev. F. N. Whaley and Rev. A. G. Hughes, with Messrs. James Murphy and J. R. Davidson, Ruling Elders, after the sessions of Friday. To Messrs. C. T. Alexander and E. R. Harris, Ruling Elders, after the morning session of Saturday. To C. N. Morrow, A. Currie, J. S. Barr, N. McKay and Thomas U. Faucette, Ministers ; and Messrs J. H. Brown, J. M. Hutchison, J. A. Witherspoon, S. R. Bell, S. W. Morrison, J. E. Montgomery and D. McIntosh, Ruling Elders, after the sessions of Friday. To L. Rumble, after the morning session of Saturday. To A. Sinclair, R. J. Graves, B. S. Krider, J. C. Alexander, Ministers ; and Messrs. J. C. Foard, W. P. Morrow and W. H. Michal, Ruling Elders, after the sessions of Friday. To Rev. D. A. Penick, Sen., and Rev. J. E. Morrison, after the morning sessions of Saturday. To Rev. W. B. Watts after the sessions of Friday. To Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick and Rev. R. H. Lafferty, after 11 o'clock on Saturday. To S. C. Pharr, D. D., W. C. Sheetz, S. Caruthers Alexander, J. D. Hall and P. H. Dalton, Ministers ; and David White, R. W. Allison, J. H. McDowell and Thomas Brown, Ruling Elders, after the morning session of Saturday.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz :

*Resolved*, That Thursday before the first Sabbath of December, be set apart by this Synod as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer on behalf of our afflicted country, and that all our Pastors and Stated Supplies be earnestly enjoined to assemble their congregations on that day in their respective places of worship, in earnest prayer to God on behalf of our whole country, and more especially on behalf of our own State, that He will forgive our sins and deliver us from the hands of our enemies, that He will give us peace and establish our independence, and that He will make us the praise of all the earth, as an enlightened, christian people, who acknowledge their God to be the Lord.

On motion, it was resolved that the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to the christian community of Salisbury for their generous hospitality ; to the Lutheran and Methodist Churches for the use of their houses of worship, tendered to the members of this Synod for religious services, and to the several Rail Road companies for granting a passage on their roads at half price.

The roll was then called, when it appeared that the following members of Synod were absent without permission :

*Of the Presbytery of Orange.*—John W. Montgomery, Minister; and Geo. A. Denny, Robert A. Montgomery, Eli Denny and R. L. Beall, Ruling Elders.

*Of the Presbytery of Concord.*—G. D. Parks, Minister; and J. J. Purcell, J. F. Goodman and A. Gray, Ruling Elders.

*Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.*—S. H. Isler, Minister.

On motion, it was resolved, that this Synod do here devoutly record their grateful sense of the signal favor conferred on us by the Great Head of the Church, in permitting us in a season of so much distraction, distress and peril, to assemble at the appointed time and place, and in goodly numbers, and to prosecute the work before us without fear or molestation; and also in the fraternal kindness which has characterized all our intercourse, one with another, and the perfect unanimity which has marked all our proceedings.

The minutes of this day were read and approved.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet in the town of Greensboro', N. C., on Wednesday before the last Sabbath of October 1864, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

JACOB DOLL, *Stated Clerk.*

## APPENDIX.

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### Statistical Report of Orange Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Orange report to the Synod of North-Carolina, that they consist of 32 Ministers, and have under their care 53 Churches, six Licentiates, and three Candidates; that the Rev. Thos. B. Neill, to whom a certificate of dismission had been given on the 25th day of October 1861, to join the Presbytery of Charleston as reported to Synod at its sessions in 1861, returned said certificate with a satisfactory explanation, and was on the 11th day of June 1863, dismissed at his own request to join the Presbytery of South Carolina; and that on the same day they dismissed Rev. John H. Coble, at his own request, to the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB DOLL, *Stated Clerk.*

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### Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 43 Ministers, and have under their care 71 Churches, two Licentiates, and three Candidates; that on the 11th day of April 1863, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. B. S. Krider and the church of Unity, (Rowan county,) and declared said church vacant; that on the 13th day of April 1863, they removed from Rev. J. F. W. Freeman, the sentence of deposition, and restored him to the office of the Gospel Ministry; that on the 15th day of June 1863, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. D. Wilson and the church of Taylorsville, and declared said Church vacant; that on the 20th day of Aug. 1863, they struck

from the roll of Churches, the name of Monroe church, this Church having become extinct; that on the 9th day of August 1863, they organized the Church of Jefferson, in Ashe county; that on the 22nd day of August 1863, they rescinded their former act in dissolving the Church of Rheim's Creek, and enrolled the name of said Church; that on 15th day of Oct. 1863, they received Mr. Wm. A. McDonald as a Licentiate, by certificate from the Presbytery of Fayetteville; that on the 16th day of Oct. 1863, they ordained Mr. Wm. A. McDonald to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the Church of Philadelphia. By order of Presbytery.

R. H. LAFFERTY, *Stated Clerk.*

*Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 26th, 1863.*

### Statistical Report of Fayetteville Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of N. C., that at present they consist of 33 Ministers, and have under their care six Licentiates, six Candidates for the ministry, and 65 Churches; that on the 6th day of December 1862, they installed Rev. N. T. Bowden, pastor of Pee-Dee church; that on the 10th day of April 1863, they ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, Mr. Simmons H. Isler, a licentiate under our care; that on the 11th day of the same month, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. H. A. Monroe and Brown Marsh Church, and declared said church vacant; that on the 28th day of the same month they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. John C. Sinclair and Galatia Church, and also between Rev. James McQueen and Long-Street Church, and declared said churches vacant; that on the 31st day of July 1863, they received by letter Rev. John H. Coble from the Presbytery of Orange, and dismissed Mr. William McDonald, a licentiate under our care to the Presbytery of Concord; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. G. A. Russell and the Churches of Carthage and Union (in Moore,) and declared said Churches vacant; that on the 1st day of August 1863, they installed Rev. John H. Coble, pastor of Centre church, and licensed Mr. Kenneth McIntyre to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry, and that on the 9th day of October 1863, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing

between Rev. D. B. Black and Hopewell church, and declared said Church vacant. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

*Pike Church, Oct. 10th, 1863.*

An Address from the Synod of North-Carolina  
to the Churches under its care, on the State  
of Religion within its bounds:

BELoved BRETHREN: The reports from the Presbyteries composing the Synod, from which this Narrative must be compiled, present but few facts indicative of the spiritual condition, growth and operations of the churches under their and our care. These few facts, however, suffice to show us that the year past has been one of multiplied trials, and of slight progress. Except in some isolated cases, the ordinances of the Gospel have not been attended with those influences of the Divine Spirit which are necessary to render them effectual to the conversion of sinners, and the increased sanctification of christians. Without these fruits all other signs of prosperity are fallacious; nor need we be at any loss to account for such absence of the manifested power of the Spirit. The occupancy and agitation of the minds of our people by the great events on which the destiny of our beloved country is so deeply involved, intruding, it is feared to a great extent, upon the sanctity of the Sabbath, and the solemnities of divine worship, disturbing habits of devotion, distracting the thoughts and effacing impressions received from the ministrations of the truth and Spirit of God—those evils, however natural they may be, and however unavoidable we may regard them, when we seek to excuse ourselves for them, are yet quite sufficient to explain the spiritual dearth of which our Presbyteries make so sad report. But in addition, we may mention as a cause greatly aggravating the evil, the spirit of worldliness, mentioned particularly by two of the Presbyteries—the spirit of speculation, the hastening to be rich, the greed of gain—of whose prevalence in our churches and congregations to an extent never before witnessed nor conceived of, there are overwhelming evidences in all portions of the land. It would contradict the whole testimony that God has given of Himself in His Word and in the history of His Church, if we should look for the abiding presence of His Spirit in fellowship with this spirit of mammon. Of this great iniquity, our people must repent and the wicked thing be cast out, before we may expect

any general return of the good spirit in His refreshing influences. "Return unto me, saith the Lord, and I will return unto you."

Yet we have not been left without some tokens of the favor of our Great Head. The services of the Sanctuary have been, for the most part, well attended; our people have been found willing to contribute freely in aid of such enterprises as have been commended to them, as tending to the furtherance of the Gospel, and especially to those which are directed toward the spiritual welfare of the soldiers in the service of our country. We have been cheered also by the reports of a few instances of marked religious interest resulting in large accessions to the communion of the Church, and we mention with peculiar gratification, in accessions from both of the grand divisions of our society, the bond and the free. Our brethren who have labored in the army, with scarcely an exception, report as the result, very decided, and in many instances, most glorious displays of the Divine grace among our soldiers, who are our people now, no less than when they mingled with our congregations at home. These are tokens, as we have said, of the favor of our Great Head toward us, for which we render thanks to His holy name. We record them to His glory. They are sure pledges that He has not forgotten to be gracious—that His blessed Gospel has not lost its efficacy. We take courage from them to trust in Him notwithstanding all our unfaithfulness to our covenanted duties, and all the iniquity prevailing around us, that He will revive and carry forward His own work, and though these are troublous times, the walls of Jerusalem shall yet be built again. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair; cast down, but not forsaken."

ROBERT N. DAVIS, *Moderator.*

## Tenth Annual Report on Foreign Missions.

The missionary enterprise is, in a high sense, the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. From *Him* it has received its charter, and its only design is the promotion of His glory, by the universal diffusion of gospel truth. It has been appropriately styled, "Christianity in *action*," working out the designs of its Great Founder.

The work of missions is distributed into two grand sections, according as the efforts are put forth at home, or extended abroad. These constitute the two branches of Domestic and Foreign Missions. But neither of these branches can claim an essential

superiority over the other. Co-ordinate in origin and authority, they must ever run parallel in operation.

But there may arise peculiar junctures in the course of Providence, when the one or the other may assume a temporary prominence. And this may be a time when the Domestic branch of missions assumes a peculiar interest, both from the magnitude of labors requiring performance in that field, and because of our partial exclusion from the foreign department. But we must never lose sight of the one in our devotion to the other. In our zeal for our fellow-countrymen, we need not forget that there are hundreds of millions of heathens perishing for lack of the bread of life. Though excluded from direct communication with foreign nations, we still know that the demands for our prayers and our liberality are as pressing and imperative as at any former period.

And it is one of the cheering signs of our ecclesiastical vitality and vigor, that our Church has not forgotten these perishing millions, even in these most perilous times, and in her deep poverty, but has kept the Treasury of our Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions full and overflowing.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT OF FINANCES.

From the Report of the Secretary to the last General Assembly, we learn that the total receipts, from the churches, for the year, were nearly seventeen thousand dollars, (\$17000) while the actual outlay was only about seven thousand dollars, (\$7000.) The balance from this, together with a former balance, and some funds from other sources, left in his hands a balance of about twenty thousand dollars, (\$20 000.) But this is not an actual surplus of funds, but only a balance of funds not paid out, while the indebtedness of the Committee had been accumulating in consequence of the impossibility of missionaries presenting their drafts for payment. There is therefore no occasion for the Church to withhold her bounty, since this large balance is only seeming and not real. Let the Church still continue to fill the treasury, that it may always be ready to meet constantly maturing claims.

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCES IN THIS SYNOD.

From the Reports of the several Presbyterial Agents and Treasurers, your Agent learns that the churches within our bounds, during the past Synodical year, have contributed the sum of

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|                                 |   |   |   | \$3,647 40 |
| Concord Presbytery contributed, |   |   |   | \$1,778 10 |
| Orange                          | " | " | " | 1,119 30   |
| Fayetteville                    | " | " | " | 750 00     |

From this tabular view, we see that our churches have made

— increase upon their customary contributions. Considering the vast increase of currency, and the enormous augmentation of prices, we had a right to expect that our contributions should follow in the wake. But it is with sorrow that we find ourselves mistaken.

#### INDIAN MISSIONS.

Few changes in the condition of the missionary field have come under the notice of your Agent. Some disturbance has taken place in our Indian missions, by which two of the brethren were exiled temporarily from their fields of labor, but all the facts are not before us.

At the last account there were 20 laborers in all, among the Southwestern Indians; the Choctaws, Chickasaws, Seminoles and Cherokees. And yet there is room for more. Who will go?

In former years, a large part of the work was performed in and by day schools, sustained in part by the bounties paid the Indians by the Federal Government. At the disruption of the Government, these schools were generally suspended. Of late however, there is a strong disposition to resume this kind of labor; and in fact several of the schools are already in active operation.

#### SOUTHERN MISSIONARIES IN THE EAST.

We have, it is well known, no commissioned laborer in all the Eastern world. Still there are several missionaries of Southern extraction and affinities, and we hope of Southern sympathies; whom we hope to sustain as soon as the way shall open. These are Rev. Daniel McGilvary of N. C., in Siam; Rev. J. A. Danforth of Ga., at Ningpo, China; Mrs. Hepburn of Fayetteville, N. C., in Kanagawa, Japan, and Mrs. Kerr of Miss., in Canton, China. From these beloved brethren and sisters, we have no recent intelligence. Aid has been sent to some of them, but whether they will ever become our representatives, we know not. In our ignorance, we can only commit them and the cause which they represent into the hands of an all-wise Ruler, praying that He would dispose of all these affairs to His own glory, in the furtherance of the gospel. In the mean time we will still hope for the speedy dawning of a brighter day, when our Church shall be permitted to stand side by side with others in the Foreign Field. In view of these statements—

*Resolved*, That we learn with satisfaction that our Foreign Missionary Committee are still able to keep their work in successful operation.

*Resolved*, That we earnestly enjoin upon our churches to increase their contributions to this cause.

*Resolved*, That we will give to our missionary brethren on this continent and our friends in the East our earnest and devout prayers for their safety and success.

J. RUMPLE, *Agent*.

## Report on Domestic Missions to the Synod of North-Carolina.

The Domestic Missionary work, as presented to us during the last twelve months, consists of two branches of labor: (1.) That which has reference to the feeble churches and destitute fields within our bounds; and (2.) The wants of the army.

(1.) In regard to the first of these, your Agent is unable to present as favorable a report as he would desire; though as favorable, perhaps, as could be expected in the circumstances in which we have been placed. The amount of labor done has not increased during the year, if it has been as great as in past years. This, however, is almost inevitable from the want of laborers to engage in the work. We cannot hope to supply our feeble churches and missionary fields with the preached word, as we would gladly do, while the war continues. Our young men are in the service of the country. She demands their all, if need be, to aid in driving the invader from our soil, and in establishing our independence. "The things which are Cæsar's" are much more comprehensive of the life and labors of these young men, than in ordinary times. The Church must give them up, for the time being, at least. The result is, that the number of men entering the ministry is not sufficient, perhaps, to take the places of those who are passing away from the service of the church militant to the church triumphant. We cannot, therefore, expect to make any material advances in the supply of disstitutions within our bounds. Still we rejoice to know that something has been done. The work has not been overlooked by the Presbyteries; but in all of them, efforts have been made to supply, as far as possible, the most pressing wants of our destitute people. In all the Presbyteries, the salaries of pastors and stated supplies have been supplemented, so as to enable them to preach the gospel to those who, otherwise, would be deprived of it. This, as before remarked, has not been done to the extent that the feeble churches and missionary fields need, but to an extent that ought to make us thankful that so much has been done in

this way, amidst the dearth of ministers and the crying wants of the army for missionary labor.

(2.) The wants of the army have been considered by our Presbyteries, and much has been done during the last twelve months to supply our soldiers with the preached word. There are at present eight members of this Synod engaged in the regular work of the chaplaincy. From the Presbytery of Orange three, viz: Drury Lacy, D. D., the Rev. E. H. Harding, and the Rev. H. B. Pratt. From the Presbytery of Concord two, viz: the Rev. R. B. Anderson and the Rev. J. W. F. Freeman. From the Presbytery of Fayetteville, three, viz: the Rev. Colin Shaw, the Rev. David Fairly and the Rev. James H. Colton. A fourth member of this Presbytery, the Rev. James M. Sprunt, had been in this work from the commencement of the war until within a few months past, when, with impaired health he returned home. In addition to the work of the regular chaplain, missionary labor to a considerable extent has been performed in the army by the members of Synod. The Presbyteries of Orange and Concord each enjoined it as a duty upon their members, at the Spring meeting, to spend at least *one month* each in preaching to the soldiers. The Presbytery of Fayetteville recommended this work at the Spring meeting, and at the recent Fall meeting enjoined it as a duty upon the members thus to devote some portion of their time to this work. With all the Presbyteries the rule has been to pay the expenses of the brethren who go on these missionary tours to the army.

This branch of missionary labor, to supply the wants of the army, has very strong claims upon us. It makes an appeal to every christian heart, and presses itself upon us as a work that must not only be done, but a work that cannot be delayed without the most awful consequences to the souls of our brave men in the service.

In view of the subject thus presented, your Agent would add the following resolutions for your adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod enjoin it upon the Presbyteries to use every means possible to supply our feeble churches and destitute fields with the preached word.

2. *Resolved*, That we press the claims of this work, especially that branch of it which relates to the army, upon the attention and christian liberality of our churches and people.

JOHN M. SHERWOOD, *Agent*.

## Tenth Annual Report on Education.

By a resolution of this body, passed at its last sessions, it is the duty of the Agents of the different objects of benevolence patronized by the Church, "to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and present at each meeting of Synod, a written report of all that is doing within the boundaries of Synod, on the subjects severally assigned to them."

This is but an amendment of a resolution adopted in 1852, making it the duty of said Agents to report on the operations of the Boards of the Church. In accordance with which your Agent has endeavored to keep prominently before you the educational policy of the Presbyterian church on this continent, its practical operation, as developed through the agency of the Board of Education, and especially the efforts and success of Presbyterians in North-Carolina in this great cause.

We had almost regarded our policy as definitely fixed and settled, sanctioned as it had been by every Synod and Presbytery in the land. The great revolution, however, through which we are passing, has effected our moral and religious, as well as our physical and social being, and extended its influence to our ecclesiastical as well as to our political relations.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., almost simultaneously with its organization, discarded the old plan of conducting our schemes of benevolence and piety through the agency of Boards, (a system long since obnoxious to many of our wisest and best divines) and in lieu thereof, appointed committees, accountable directly to the Assembly; and hence the modification of the action of the Synod of 1852, by that of 1862, as already intimated.

No revolution, however, can change, or even materially effect, the great fundamental principles of our church, in reference to the mental, moral and religious training of her children and youth, and especially the education of the candidates for the Holy ministry. The Presbyterian church, under any modification of society and form of civil government, claims her right and acknowledges her duty in the premises; and her principles are so definitely settled, so universally acknowledged and so generally acted upon, that it cannot be presumed to be any part of the design of this report to instruct or enlighten Synod on this subject. Our office, we apprehend, is merely to bring the subject of education, by *authority*, before you, to present a fair opportunity for thorough investigation and free discussion, and thus elicit information and diffuse light and knowledge through the churches. We exceedingly regret, that facts and figures, the main strength of such a report as we would

like to submit, and which alone could impart to it special interest and permanent value must be almost entirely excluded.

Information as to what has been done "within the boundaries of Synod" since the organization of the General Assembly, is exceedingly limited and confused. Some of our congregations, as under the old system, have done absolutely nothing in the way of contributions. Some have contributed about as formerly, and others with a greatly increased liberality, while others again, have given largely to the general cause of education, *with the provision*, that after the wants of the children of disabled and deceased soldiers, in their respective bounds, will have been met, the remainder shall be forwarded to the Committee of the General Assembly. Under the circumstances, we could not hope to approximate accuracy in our statistics, and might do injustice to individuals, particular congregations and Presbyteries. The number of candidates reported by the Synod to the last General Assembly, was eleven from the three Presbyteries, a number less than heretofore reported from a single Presbytery. This diminution of candidates is attributable to the calls of Providence, and other demands of our country, for the common defence of the nation. While many of our noble youth, who had given themselves to the work of the ministry, have fallen in our great contest for independence, and while many more may perish in the struggle for social, civil and religious liberty, we rejoice to learn, that many, since entering the army, have become the subjects of divine grace, been made new creatures in Christ Jesus, and have already turned their thoughts to the high and holy vocation of preaching the gospel. And we hope, and love to believe, that when the present conflict will have ended, our independence established, and peace restored, the maximum number of candidates will be restored, if not greatly enlarged.

In reference to what has been done by Churches, Sessions, Presbyteries and Synods, beyond our own bounds, we are almost entirely ignorant, as there was no report submitted by the Secretary to the General Assembly at Montgomery in 1862, and if any report was sent to the late Assembly at Columbia, where the temporary consolidation of the Executive Committees of Education and Publication was effected, it has not yet come to hand. We are confident such a dearth of information will not again occur. The fidelity, zeal and efficiency of the individual upon whom the executive duties of both Committees devolve, give full assurance that all will be done, that grasp of mind, business capacity, and financial forecast can accomplish. All that the most efficient Secretary can do, however, is to regulate the fiscal affairs of the Committee, and diffuse light and information among the people. He cannot do the *work* of the Church.

No amount of labor, no degree of fidelity and efficiency on his part, can atone for the apathy and neglect of Churches, Sessions, Presbyteries and Synods. It ought to be remembered that, if we fail to advance our educational interests, the foundation of the ultimate success of all our other benevolent schemes, we necessarily cripple the whole system of operations, and dry up the main source whence we must look for a supply of future pastors, evangelists and missionaries.

The importance of the general subject will justify calling the special notice of Synod to the appointment of a Committee, by the late General Assembly, to review the whole subject of the education of indigent candidates for the ministry, "with the hope of discovering some better way of carrying forward the work." As already intimated, there can be no doubt as to the duty of the Church. The question is not *what* she ought to do, but *how* she is to do the work, and avoid, as far as possible, the practical evils, which heretofore have seemed almost incidental to it. We are persuaded that most of the evils connected with the old plan of operations, may be traced to the capital error of intrusting the distribution of the needed pecuniary aid of the candidates to the Board, and removing the candidate almost, if not quite beyond the control of the Session and Presbytery, at least so far as respects his pecuniary support. And this naturally fostered a spirit of independence and arrogance, which lead to the inculcation of the fallacious and deceptive error, that when a pious and indigent youth felt and gave evidence that he was called to preach, it was not only the privilege and the duty of the Church to support such a candidate, but that she became his debtor, and pecuniary aid was expected as a matter of right and not as a charity. Whereas, the obligation of the Church in the premises grows not out of her relation to the individual, but to the Great Head; upon no principle of justice can she be held bound for his support. There can be no ground of claim, no plea of reward before any service is rendered, and therefore, whatever the Church may do for her candidates in the way of pecuniary support, she does on the principle of charity and not of justice. And we can see no reason why the Presbytery, who alone has the constitutional power of examining, licensing and ordaining candidates, and after they are fully invested with the sacred office, of installing, removing and judging them as ministers, should not have the sole control of the candidate, especially in dispensing the charities of the Church for his special benefit. Sessions and Presbyteries can best detect and expose the covetousness of parents who would cast the burden of the education of their sons on the charities of the Church. They can best detect cases, admitted to be rare, of unworthy men capable of licensing

the recipients of the Church's bounty. They can best judge of the character and qualifications, and of the consequent claims of the candidate. If, however, we are mistaken in this position, if the Presbytery is not the only constitutional power in the premises, and cannot do the work most efficiently, then let us follow the genius of our system, rise to a higher power, and turn over the work to the Synod, as being better qualified to take it in charge. If the Synod cannot do it, let us rise higher still and place it in the hands of the General Assembly; if the Assembly cannot do the work, it must revert to the Presbytery instead of being handed over to any power unknown to our book.

All that we need is a financial agent of the right character, capable not only of managing the fiscal interests of the cause, but of keeping the subject constantly before the churches. In other words we need a head in our ecclesiastical similar to that which we have in our popular education. Our Secretary should be to the former what the Superintendent of Common Schools is to the latter, and the same degree of fidelity and ability which in our State, at least, has done so much for the one, could not be expected to accomplish less for the other. And no intelligent North-Carolinian can fail to appreciate the high distinction awarded to the State, in the late National Education Convention, as taking the lead in the great cause of education in the Confederate States. We contend, that what has been done for a State, may, by corresponding efforts, be done for the Church in all the States. This report is not the place for a full discussion of so grave a subject, and it is merely brought forward for the consideration of Synod.

NEILL MCKAY, *Agent.*

It will be seen by the above account that the Treasurer has expended all the funds in his hands. The expense of printing the Minutes is so much greater than was anticipated, say \$359 20, that the Synod is in debt \$166 28. If the expense of printing the minutes is to be as great next year as the present, it will be necessary to assess each of the Presbyteries \$200 00 to meet the expenses of the coming year.

D. A. DAVIS,  
*Treasurer Synod North-Carolina.*

The Board of Directors herewith present their Annual Report,  
as follows, viz :

I. STUDENTS.—The Board ordered the regular exercises of the Seminary to be continued during the session of 1862-3, but the Faculty report that the patriotism of the Students, and the operation of the conscription law, left them only four Students; of whom one only was a new matriculate, viz: Mr. Wm. Chauncey Brooks, graduate of Princeton College, member and former Elder 2nd Presbyterian church, Louisville, Ky., and candidate of Greenbrier Presbytery, Va. Three of the old students returned to the

Seminary: Messrs. T. M. McCorkle, Hill, and Lyle. Mr. Lyle, the only student of the Senior Class, having left for the army before the final examinations, no certificate of proficiency was issued this year.

II. LIBRARY.—No additions were made to the Library this year, by donation or purchase, and the whole No. of volumes remains as by last report, about 5060.

III. FACULTY—This is the same as reported last year, viz:

1. Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, D. D., Prof. of Moral Science, Pastoral Theology, and Evidences.

2. Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D. D., Prof. of Systematic and Polemic Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

3. Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., Prof. of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

4. Rev. Thomas E. Pék, D. D., Prof. of Church History and Government.

IV. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS consists of the following members

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V. THE FUNDS.—The Treasurer reports the whole permanent endowments for direct sustentation of the Faculty and Scholarships as (\$106,700) one hundred and six thousand, seven hundred dollars. To this there have been recently added (\$6000) six thousand dollars, just invested in 7 per cent bonds of the

Confederate States, making a total of \$112,700. But of this total, the following accounts have to their credit as follow :

|                                        |            |
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| 1. West Hanover Scholarship,           | \$1,584 32 |
| 2. Ladies' Scholarship,                | 2,184 05   |
| 3. Lacy Scholarship,                   | 590 54     |
| 4. Directors' Expense Fund,            | 19 10      |
| 5. Library Fund,                       | 530 87     |
| 6. Winchester Scholarship, (dividends) | 440 33     |
| 7. Rice Monument Fund,                 | 79 58      |
| 8. Lexington Scholarship,              | 77 50      |
| 9. Elders' Scholarship,                | 200 00     |
| 10. Physician Scholarship,             | 25 00      |

making a total deduction of \$5,731 29, and leaving properly about one hundred and seven thousand dollars as the permanent endowment reliable for direct sustentation.

These funds consist, to a very small extent of private bonds ; and the bulk of them are invested in Virginia and North-Carolina State Bonds, at 6 per cent. in stocks of sundry stable banking companies in Virginia and Wilmington, N. C., and in 7 per cent Confederate Bonds. The only change made since last reports, has been the addition of the Confederate bonds above mentioned, amounting to \$6000. These stocks and bonds are held in sums varying from a few thousand, each, to twenty thousand, by several groups, each of three or four gentlemen, deemed perfectly faithful, in trust for the Seminary, who have executed to its Treasurer standing *powers of attorney* to collect all interest on dividends, for the Seminary. The Corporate Board of Trustees having been unable to hold a full meeting during the absence of several Corporators from the State or in the army, no funds in real estate have been finally transferred to them.

The Seminary is Trustee for six complete scholarships of \$2500 each, yielding an annual income of \$150 each, which are controlled by the Presbyteries of West Hanover, Winchester, Roanoke, and Orange. There are, besides, several unfinished scholarships on which the interest annually accruing is added, to assist in their completion.

The Board still having nearly \$10,000 of outstanding subscriptions uncollected, and deeming the time favorable for collections, as they lie in parts of the country unravaged by the enemy, have re-appointed the Rev. S. J. Price, their Agent, to collect these sums and add to them.

The Board of Directors, at its present meeting, adopted the following resolution, viz :

That the Board of Directors submit to the Synods of Virginia and North-Carolina, whether it be expedient to transfer the

Seminary under their care, to the control of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the Confederate States.

The Board have directed the Faculty to open the Seminary at the usual time, and if any students appear, to conduct the regular exercises of the course. They hope that during the war, a few students whose services in the field are not demanded by their country, may be prepared here to meet the prospective destitution of ministers, and they deem it important to prevent the disorganization of the institution by the separation of the Faculty, in order that, at the return of peace, it may be prepared at once for full usefulness. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board,

[Signed,]

ROBERT L. DABNEY, *Committee.*

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